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## **CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY GROUP HONORS CHERRY FOR DEDICATION TO YOUTH**

(LANSING) – Michigan's Children recently selected State Senator Deborah Cherry (D-Burton) as a 2004 Much Ado Honoree. This award is given to legislators who "do something wonderful" to benefit children in Michigan.

Founded in 1992, Michigan's Children is a state-wide, non-partisan, advocacy organization. Its goal is to secure policies that improve the lives of children.

"Children are our future," Sen. Cherry said. "Their health and safety should be the number one concern of every lawmaker in the state."

Sen. Cherry has sponsored legislation to increase physical activity in public schools as well as bills that require school lunches to offer healthy foods. She has published articles on childhood obesity.

Annually, Michigan's Children selects legislators who have distinguished themselves on behalf of children. The group's board of directors found that Sen. Cherry "has been attentive to families and children throughout her career in elective office, as a Genesee County Commissioner, a State Representative and now, a State Senator."

The group deemed Sen. Cherry a "seasoned advocate" and said, "as such, she has demonstrated leadership in a range of activities to inform and raise awareness among legislators about the needs of Michigan's children and their families."

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*Sen. Deborah Cherry is a first-term Democrat from Burton, Michigan. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she sits on the Higher Education, Department of Community Health, Department of Natural Resources and Capital Outlay subcommittees.*